

labors, and became co-workers, saw a chance to secure a church property, and making most of the opportunity, they purchased a house that had formerly, been used by the Friends, moved it to a better sight, and Bro. Gillin was called to dedicate it. About a year ago Bro. Gillin also held a two weeks meeting which resulted in adding many to the fold. I met here a goodly congregation of earnest people among which were many young people, nearly all of whom seemed deeply interested in the growth of the Church. They have a good Sunday School and the meetings are largely attended. The Lord has blessed them with peace, and the fruits of this peace may be seen even by the stranger who goes among them, and in the attendance on the services. All of this bespeaks the faithfulness of Bro. Hall's pastoral labors. The immediate result of the two weeks meetings I held with them was thirteen accessions by baptism all of whom seemed deeply in earnest. May the Lord bless and keep them. We closed with a very enjoyable Lovefeast.

From here I went to New Virginia where Bro. Thomas, who is pastor here met me and conducted me to his comfortable home. We had one meeting here, it being a night meeting in the middle of the week was not very largely attended. But all seemed interested and I was glad to meet them. I will hold a revival here in the Autumn if the Lord wills.

It was a privilege I appreciated very much to spend a Sunday in Dallas Center, the former home of Brother and Sister Flora, who are now living in Des Moines. Brother Flora is still their pastor and preaches for them every two weeks. I think Brother and Sister Flora labored here for more than twenty years. The Lord was with them for I met here many of the Lord's people whose faith is told by their works and good will. I also visited Brother and Sister Flora's home in Des Moines. But Brother Flora was out in the field holding forth the word at a new point in Ringgold Co. For more than twenty years Brother and Sister Flora have held forth the Word in central Iowa with success, and blessing which will not be measured till our labors are over and we come "bringing in the sheaves."

From there I returned home via Waterloo where I met Brother Livengood and wife who were out taking in the Chautauqua and visiting relatives. While here I shared the hospitality of Brother Gillin and others whose hearts are always for Missions and aggressive work in all branches. I saw where the new Brethren Church is to be located in the beautiful city of Waterloo. They had broken the ground and soon will have a splendid church in the city where it is much needed.

Returning via Lanark, Ill. I preached for them one night and took an offering for Missions, which was generous as well as the offering from the sisters' Puterbaugh, all of which will be duly reported by our general Secretary. I met here our genial Brother Furry who succeeds Brother Livengood as pastor for a short term but will leave them

at the beginning of the Autumn term of school at Ashland where he goes to become an instructor in that institution, for the success of which we are all praying. Being so near our old home at Milledgeville I could not withstand the temptation to drive across the country. To meet my old parishoners was a joy I will not try to describe. Here Brother Teeter holds forth the Word and he and family seem to enjoy their work and surroundings as they are enjoyed by his flock. All seems to be harmonious and mutual. As soon as it was learned that I was in town, the Pastor posted a notice in the Post Office that I was to preach that night and in about four hours, we met a good congregation whose happy faces brought to my heart a joy which only a pastor returning for a visit to those with whom he has labored six years sharing their joys and sorrows can appreciate. Returning home we found all well and that one had been added to the fold by letter in our absence. We will have some more baptisms to report soon.

As I read the requests that reach me to come and hold meetings at various places I am made to realize how "great is the harvest, and how few the laborers." I am considering the propriety of opening up two new mission points and the only thing that withholds the work is, who is to take care of the flock after the work is started? The new field in Wisconsin is ripening. Letters from there are appealing for me to come again as others are ready to unite with us. At Virden, Ill. is an urgent call to come. I am praying much that the Lord may show me how the work can be done best and to His greatest glory. Brethren pray for Missions.

J. O. TALLEY.

Church News

Indiana and Michigan Items

Burns' Chapel, Ind.—Last regular service was well attended. Children's day exercises were held Sunday evening. An immense congregation was present and all seemed to enjoy themselves. This church at our last appointment voted unanimously to retain the present pastor the ensuing year.

New Troy, Mich.—One confession at our last appointment. Work moving on in harmony. We are looking for bright results here. Here is a good field for any one to locate who loves fruit raising. Good grain land is near the church which can be obtained reasonable.

WM. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind.

The Church Reports

Last year I received reports from one hundred and fifty congregations. Thus far ninety churches have reported. Reports, however, have been coming in rapidly the past few days. And I trust that in the next two weeks ninety more will be received here. Brethren, wake up on this question and send in your reports now. I have written to some of you twice. Why don't you respond? Those to whom I have written and from whom I have not heard I shall "name out in meeting" next week. I have sent out report blanks to two hundred and twenty-five persons. When I can't get a response from the preacher, I send one to the clerk, or deacon or anybody I can learn of in that congregation. There are twelve churches in Indiana to whom I have written and received no report, 14 in Pennsylvania, six in Ohio, four in Illinois, six in Iowa, two in Maryland, one in

Washington, D. C., two in Michigan, one in Idaho, three in West Virginia, one in Oklahoma, two in Nebraska, five in Kansas, and one in Missouri. These are among those who reported last year and year before. In some of these cases the number is so small that some of you can surely know I mean you. Come, brethren, give us your report and quickly. Time is short. Help me make the census of the church complete in this last year of the century. Send in the report of your church.

J. L. GILLIN.

Gravelton, Ind.

The work in this church is moving on. We have a very good attendance and good interest. At our last appointment we had a great spiritual feast in our morning service. We gave an invitation for sinners to come to Jesus. In the back part of the house there was a young man arose, came forward, gave his heart to Jesus and was baptized the same day. At our evening service two more came forward to accept Christ as their Savior. The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition. Brother Jesse Haldeman is superintendent of the school. He is a man well qualified for the work. We have been working in this class for two years and have received a call for the third year which we have accepted and by the assistance of the divine Master and the Holy Spirit we expect to make this one the best of the three. We ask Christian people to pray with us for the success of the church at this place.

We took charge of the work at New Paris in April. Since we began our work here we received one into the church by baptism. We expect to close our work with this church October 1st.

C. H. MARKS.

Warsaw, Ind.

Lake Odessa, Mich.

On June 14th wife and I started for a visit to different parts of Pennsylvania. Visited Christian G. Winey, brother in the flesh, at East Salem until Sunday when we accompanied him and his good wife to Good Mill G. B. church it being his turn to preach that day. Upon invitation I preached to a good and attentive congregation. On June 18th we visited my old homestead where we spent the week visiting and viewing the old landscape over, where I spent my boyhood days but more than forty years have rolled around since I left there. Many changes have occurred since that time. In the village of Richfield are now living only nine persons who lived there when I left it; scarcely seems like home anymore. Preached in the G. B. church on Sabbath. In the evening of the same day I tried to hold forth the bread and water of life to a packed house in Richfield in the United Brethren church. On Sunday July 1st I filled appointments morning and evening in the Mennonite church at Richfield to good congregations, my health being poor it being burdensome. The Mennonite church here is divided into two factions which caused them much trouble, but at this time they seem to move along placidly. On Monday July 2nd Elder E. Landis took us to Middleburg, a distance of twelve miles, where we spent a few days pleasantly among friends. We also visited one day at Beavertown where we had to say the sad farewell to many loved ones. Such is life. Returned to Richfield again and on Sunday the 8th I again was earnestly solicited to preach in the German Baptist church. The congregation was not very large but very attentive. From here we went to McAlisterville, a distance of ten miles. At this place we have a few members of the church but no regular preaching. This seems to be a neglected mission point. Brethren of Pennsylvania should see that the bread of life is broken to the few faithful members at McAlisterville. We visited some of the brethren and sisters and preached for them. On Sunday July 15th I preached to an attentive congregation at Good Mill church from the words, "Behold the man," at 10:30. In the afternoon at three o'clock was an appointment for me to fill in the Methodist church in McAlisterville. This was my last sermon. The congregation was good. On Mon-